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\$36,000 Settlement Reached with R Squared Circuits

Sacramento --- The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) today announced it has reached a settlement with R Squared Circuits (R Squared) for hazardous waste violations at its facility located at 120 Blue Ravine Road in Folsom, Sacramento County. R Squared generates, handles, treats, stores, and/or disposes of hazardous waste at this facility.

Under terms of the Consent Order (Order), signed on April 5, 2005, R Squared will pay a total of \$36,000 to DTSC, of which \$27,000 is administrative penalties and \$9,000 is for a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP). The \$9,000 in SEP funds will consist of a contribution to the California Environmental Protection Agency Environmental Enforcement and Training Account. A copy of the Order formalizing the settlement is available on the DTSC website at http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/R_Squared_Circuits/R-Squared_ENF_CO.pdf.

The settlement stems from violations noted during an inspection at the facility on June 10, 2004. The violations noted were:

- Failing to prepare a written assessment for two tank systems
- Failing to provide secondary containment for two tank systems
- Disposing of copper-bearing dust to the regular garbage destined for disposal at the local county landfill
- Transferring hazardous waste polishing dust to a county landfill that does not hold a hazardous waste permit
- Failing to complete a uniform hazardous waste transport manifest for hazardous waste polishing dust sent to the county landfill
- Placing waste in a dumpster not labeled as a hazardous waste container

As part of the settlement, DTSC will reduce R Squared's original penalty by \$5,000 if one of its employees obtains a certificate of satisfactory completion of hazardous waste management courses at the California Compliance School (CCS). CCS provides students with "hands-on" instruction on how to comply with hazardous waste statutes and regulations. R Squared must submit the certificate to DTSC within 180 days of the effective date of the Order or they must pay DTSC the additional \$5,000 within 30 days of the initial 180 day deadline.

R Squared has corrected the violations found during the inspection.

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The Department of Toxic Substances Control's mission is to restore, protect, and enhance the environment and ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.